

EMSA AND NORWAY SIGN AGREEMENT ON SATELLITE-AIS DATA EXCHANGE

Cooperation between the Norwegian Coastal Administration and EMSA on satellite detected AIS data has been strengthened further thanks to an agreement, recently signed by EMSA's Executive Director and the Director General of the Norwegian Coastal Administration (NCA), Kirsti Slotsvik. Through this agreement, EMSA will continue to receive Norwegian Satellite-AIS data collected by their national constellation. The Norwegian SAT-AIS data will be made available to EMSA users free of charge. The NCA will also start receiving a data feed from EMSA, which EMSA receives from a commercial SAT-AIS provider through a framework contract. Norway is an active participating member state in the EU Satellite-AIS Collaborative Forum, chaired by EMSA. The forum is a platform for cooperation between European states investing in Satellite-AIS and EMSA.

SHARING BEST PRACTICES ON REPORTING AND ANALYSING ACCIDENT & INCIDENT DATA

On 7 July, EMSA hosted the 3rd Inter-Agency meeting on Safety Culture and Occurrence Reporting. Experts from ERA, EASA and EUROCONTROL participated with a view to exchange best practices on reporting and analysing accident and incident data in the maritime, aviation and railway domains. The meeting was an important occasion to discuss methodologies to improve data quality and quantity in the databases, techniques for risk assessment and follow-up actions. EMSA provided a comprehensive update on the ongoing project to refurbish the European Marine Casualty Information Platform (EMCIP) and an overview of the improved functionalities of the system. The meeting was very constructive and it is expected to be repeated in the future because it brings added value to the work carried out by the concerned organisations.

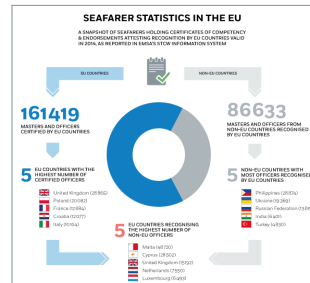
STRENGTHENING EMSA'S POLLUTION RESPONSE SERVICES IN THE ATLANTIC

The oil tanker, *Mency*, based in Las Palmas and engaged in bunkering activities in the area, joined EMSA's network of stand-by oil spill response vessels in July. The vessel, contracted from the company Petrogas, is equipped with sweeping arms as well as an ocean boom and a high capacity skimmer for mechanical oil recovery and has a storage capacity of 7271 m³ for recovered oil. In addition, the vessel is equipped with seaborne dispersant application capability and could be supplied from EMSA's stockpile of dispersants in Las Palmas. The primary area of operation of the vessel will be the Canary Islands and the Madeira Archipelago.



RECENTLY PUBLISHED REVIEW GIVES EU-WIDE PICTURE OF SEAFARER STATISTICS

EMSA has conducted a statistical review providing a snapshot of the European labour market in terms of the number of seafarers holding valid certificates and endorsements in 2014.



The review is based on data registered by EU member states and recorded in EMSA's STCW Information System (STCW IS). The data shows that 161,419 masters and officers hold valid certificates of competency (CoC) issued by EU member states while another 86,633 masters and officers hold original CoCs

issued by non-EU countries with endorsements issued by EU member states. Overall, the end of 2014 saw almost a quarter of a million masters and officers as potential manpower to serve on board EU member state flagged vessels. With the data to be available in the coming years it will be possible to conduct trend and comparative analysis which will be of additional value to the EU member states, the European Commission and other interested parties. Member States started submitting the data last year in accordance with requirements set out in the amended Directive 2008/106/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers. The review is published on the [STCW IS portal](#).

NEW EQUASIS MOU SIGNED AS COMMITTEE MARKS 15 YEARS OF PROMOTING SHIP SAFETY & QUALITY

The Equasis Memorandum of Understanding has been extended to cover environmental data on individual ships and operators at a signing ceremony held at IMO on 6 July.



All IMO member states, Equasis data providers and the nine contributing maritime authorities attended this ceremony, organised by France and EMSA as co-chairs of the Equasis Supervisory Committee. During his opening speech, EMSA's Executive Director praised Equasis' 15 years

of public service. IMO Secretary-General, Kitack Lim spoke of the importance of Equasis for the promotion of safe and quality shipping around the globe. The amended MoU was signed by Brazil, Canada, France, Japan, Norway, Spain, the Republic of Korea, UK, US and EMSA. EMSA has been participating in Equasis on behalf of the European Commission since 2003 and hosting the Equasis Management Unit since 2009.

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CAREERS: Software Engineer & Project Officer for Integrated Services to Frontex (deadline: 30/9/2016) (see website for more)

PROCUREMENT: Development of the New European Marine Casualty Information System (deadline: 12/9/2016); Supply of two single point inflation boom sections for oil pollution response at sea (deadline: 9/9/2016)